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Chris, Welcome....If you've never come into contact with us before, then I hope you have a good stay, & enjoy 103. Purlewent Drive, yourselves immensely & decide to come back again.

First of all, apologies to the folk I've interviewed in this for bringing this out so late. I'm extremely sorry honest, it's just that I've been very busy with letters & the usual shit that has completely gone over my head-this is not an excuse for being lazy, I'm continually busy with something or other & while I am, the zine has to take a break, sorry, but there's no other way available, unless I get a partner to do the zine with me, & at the moment there's no-one who I want!

Also apologies for lateness to folk who sent their money a while back, see reason above also! In future issues, I will be making my utmost best to get this out as quickly as possible & to keep it's contents up to date as much & I can. This may mean that the future issues will 'mini-issues', as this solves a lot of problems in speed of availability & of course, contents kept up to date. Headrot\*3 will most definately be a mini-issue, & will hopefully feature interviews with FEAR ITSELF(US), HELLBASTARD(UK), & BORN WITHOUT A FACE(US), lots of articles, & little more else.

You'll notice there's a well drawn comic strip in here called 'Monkey Business'. This I found whilst searching through some copies of 'Eagle'(circa '84), & felt that it was good enough to go in a zine, & it would make up as the substitute for my (bad) drawings. The reason why there is only one speech bubble in it, is because they felt it would be more effective & hard-hitting-I think it serves that, don't you?

The only other drawing in this zine, is the excellent cover. Thus, I'd like to give a big thankee to Tom Warrior Skruff for letting me have it. You, the reader, have a lot to be thankful for, as if Tom Skruff hadn't let me use it, then you'd have suffered the fate of one of my abysmal efforts! C'mon, all bow down before Tom Skruff! If you still don't know, Skruff's in a band called CELTIC FWOST HELLBASTARD & you can get both their demo('Rippercrust')& live tapes from: Skruff/96, Abbot Court/Chandless Estate/Gateshead/Tyne & Wear/NES, JLA/UK/ okay? Send SAE/IRC(s) for details on how to get either, or write just for info-they're great!

Talking of bands, I'm in a band now. For those who are interested, we're called 'REST IN PAIN'& have played a handful of gigs, both locally & non-locally. We play, I guess, a blend of HC & metal-that's the easiest way to describe it!!! For more info, write to my address. We can fix up a tape of us for you, we'll hopefully record some time in the NEW YEAR.

If you like my articles, you'll find some more inside the "How much Longer?"LP by the Apostles, amongst other art & literature by the band & 60 minutes of music. This LP will be available very shortly.

I've also started work on a Headrot compilation tape, entitled "Death is too good for you" & will more than likely be a C60. There should be a booklet with it, with lyrics/info, & other stuff, though I can't really say at this stage too much about it, though John, of the magnificent art/visual zine 'Jellybean State' is designing the cover. It will be an international comp, featuring Fear Itself, Bad Dress Sense, Hellbastard, among others. It's at this moment in quite early stages, though I already know that both David Puttnam & Richard Attenbrough are at this very moment squabbling over who should make the film of it, honestly, those two are like kids sometimes....

Well, that's it for now.Hope you enjoy this & get something out of it.By all means write, criticise etc, though it would help a lot if you put in a stamp/IRC as my stamp fees get higher every week-thanks!Until \*3, stay creative! CHRIS.

Your skin is in tiny webs, sticking to your flesh. Clinging, gripping tight. It fails, & slides down, thus exposing blood to come seeping through your shirt. It first starts dripping, though it consumes more flesh & so more blood comes through, multiplying, until the flesh is totally covered, & all that the naked eye can see now is a river of red.

Your vision is now steadily becoming blurred, time is flashing by. The whole story of your life from birth until present is plaguing & swarming your head. You try & choke those thoughts, but however hard you try they stay sucking into your mind. Swirling & spinning, you crawl, stumbling into misty objects. You see movement around you, though none of these figures will help you. Instead, they chuckle. Like children looking at a monkey in a zoo swinging from branches on one of those shitty trees the zoo buys to try to convince the monkeys & the people watching that the monkeys are as close to home as they ever could wish.

"They're laughing, & yet I'm dying!", you think, & soon your thoughts are no longer kept silent. You open your mouth & use all your left might to shout those words out, though it's harder than you thought. You can barely hear yourself as laughtar is filling your head, but you're certain someone, somewhere must have heard you....you hope.

You can feel a dog licking you, your wounds. You then hear a voice telling the dog to "Get away, that's not nice", & the dog whimpers away. You now hear voices becoming concerned, as if people have only just

begun to realise your body is fading into a liquid of red.
"Get back! Get back & give him some room...PLEASE!".

AT LAST!!!!

"Don't worry Sir, you'll be okay", the voice proclaims, as you feel comfort as you're given medication at last.

Your mind wanders back to the time when the people were laughing & joking. You struggle, & you get enough energy to release that question to the doctor.

"Why? Don't ask me Sir. Bloody motorway accidents, people are always the same".

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An(almost) wacky interview with ...

## DEPRAVED

In one of the photos Boff sent me of you, Ian looked just like Curt Smith out of "Tears for Fears"(!). Tell me, is Ian's secret admiration for that band finally out

Depraved Ian was the original member in Tears for Fears & everyone in the music niz was so impressed with him that when he decided to leave (due to musical indifferences) the other bloke had to get someone else in who looked just like Ian & so that Smith chappie got the job. I must point out that none of us think Ian looks in the slightest bit like him, & how come you know Curt Smith's name anyway? Do you buy their records-I bet you do. (The reason that I know his name is because they come from Bath,& as for buying their records, well, you'll be hearing from my lawyers about that remark Lee!-Chris.).

Why did Grim leave/kicked out? Depraved Grim got kicked out, he didn't leave. The reason is cos he's an A1 bastard, cos he was (& still is) going out with this girl who he got pregnant. She wanted to get rid of it, but he persuaded her to have it, then in March-after about 5 monthshe turned round & told her he was screwing someone else & had been since before she was pregnant. When we heard this, it was too much so we got rid of him the day. He's still seeing the girl on the side to this day-the little shit.

Where do you draw the line at the "Communication thru'Entertainment"slogan as people may think that you put more emphesis on one or the other?

Depraved I don't think you can draw the line, & for us you can't more emphesis on entertainment than communication, cos as long as you're entertaining people, you're communicating.

At gigs we go out to entertain, 'cos people don't pay to go to a gig to be lectured by some jumped up little anarcho who think they're always right, they pay to be entertained-or that's what I think. Our lyrics (or most of them) are jolly deep & meaningful though, covering a wide spectrum of world evils (ooh!).

At the Coventry Hand & Heart gig you played in January, a few kept shouting out "wankers"at you. Was this because local people don't like you or are they just fed up with you playing too many gigs at the H&H, Brum Mermaid etc?

Deprayed I didn't hear anyone shouting that, but I can believe it! We don't play many gigs around here-I don't know why you think that, we've only played Coventry & Birmingham once this year-& they were on consecutive days with Amebix. Whoever it was might've been joking-or they might be jealous-cos there are a few from Coventry in groups who're a bit pissed off cos we've got an LP out & they haven't or it's probably simply because they don't like us-which is fair enough-though "wankers"isn't exactly constructive criticism is it?

Why is Gigs called Gigs & does he/you think that drummers get a raw deal,ie; people assuming they can't do interviews, write lyrics? (etc).

Depraved Gigs is called Gigs cos he's called Gigs(anyway you've no right to delve into private lives you cheque book journalist!). (You scoundrel Lee, you'll definately be hearing from my lawyer now!!-Chris.) When drummers are nasty & smelly like

ours, they don't deserve any better.

No, really, on the whole I suppose they do, cos they're stuck behind a drum kit all night. I don't agree with the rest though, cos with us Gigs writes some of the songs & does zine interviews, so he certainly doesn't get a raw deal-we get a COR deal!(ha!).(Someone give this man a decent jokebook for christ sake!-Chris).

Although you try & get people to communicate, do you try & get yourselves in communication/participation with various actions/activities? How often do you take part in actions(if any)?

Depraved I used to take part in actions, but I don't really anymore, cos I got to thinking it was pretty futile-you do a direct action & you lose public support so nothing's achieved, you do a peaceful protest & the bastard who's the cause of the problem gets no hassle. I do agree with both forms of action though, it's just that I get too frustrated. Ian's the righteous anarchist in this hand!

We've all been put off as well by the local anarchists who're a right bunch of pretentious prats, cos 1 of them are playing Let's live in a grotty flat & be crazy & take drugs'when they're being subsidised by their parents who're loadedbeing poor's just a game to them.

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# More DERAVE

Away from the band a bit now, Boff is always mounting a "Buy the Depraved LP/live tapes"campaign! I think he should be given a medal for the loyal service he's given towards you, what doest thou reckon? Does he always go on about his "wuggedly handsome looks" (Quote) to you, I'm sure you don't agree with him do ya?

Depraved Yeah, Boff does a good job, it's nice to know he's good for something! He's got a medal of sorts, cos he's been made an honorary member of the band-which means he's in the band though he doesn't play.

His"ruggedly handsome looks"consist of an out of proportion face that looks like something out of 'Close Encounters'. (See Boff, if you won't listen to me, them listen to Lee!-Chris).

How did you get the interview in the "Leamington Courier"? Did they distort what you said at all? It seemed to me that they tried to make you out to look like fools though that's my view .....

Depraved We got onto this kid Boff knows who writes for them cos we wanted to get in a local plug for the LP, cos it was just before it came out.

Yeah, it did try to make us look like fools, but that's the press for you, we expected it.....they didn't distort what we said, they just left out the serious social comments. It wasn't too bad though & it was free advertising really!

Howdid you get760's "punk"&get the knowledge for the article in "Paid in Full"\* 3? Does this mean you're broadening your horizons & including maybe more songs in the future in that vein?

Depraved I originally got into 60's punk cos of Doctor & the Medics & the Naz Nomad LP.

I got the knowledge for the article I did off the sleeves of 60's punk records I got & also the Maximum Rock'n'koll 60's punk article was a help (see MKR\*10-Chris)-I haven't got an original thought in my head!

I don't like the word'broadening your horizons', it always sounds like you're copping out, but we are incorporating different styles into our usual one-hopefully you'll see a lot more 60'sy stuff in the future, cos y'see I'm a closet mod-I've got Jam shoes, a parka, & I ride a Vespa P125X(when it's working!).

As land Lee are brothers, do they fight a lot, & who wins? Ha! Ha! Do you elbow each other in the middle of your backs? Gawd, that fucking kills that does! Does one of you always fight dirty?

Depraved Me & Ian don't fight, we're very loving brothers-just like the Osmonds!!! When we do fight we wouldn't dream of fighting dirty-we always use the Marquis of Queensbury rules, y'know, I poke his eyes out & he bites my ears off.

If you'd like a ticket to the next bout, write to: LEE FESTER/5, COPPICE ROAD/ WHITNASH/LEAMINGTON SPA/WARKS/CV31,2JE/UK/.Send SAE/IRC(s)for reply,okay?

Thanks to Lee for taking some time to do this interview(the cheques in the post mate, along with a decent jokebook!!!)& also thanks to Boff for the photos(no cheque for you mate, only a mirror, tee

L-R:Lee, Gigs & Ian handing you over to more of my boring reviews ... Direct Action\*2

Packed full of stuff, well laid out, great printing,& thoroughly enjoyable & interesting. I love the type as well, very classy. Includes Peace News interview, poems, ALF article, two well written vivisection pieces (one by the editor & one by the Scientific Officer of the Lord Dowding Fund for Humane Research), Norwich STC article, Henge article, Crass interview(lengthy!), British defence spending article,& zine/vinyl reviews Well written, & well recommended, because unlike the usual way these things are covered, this never bores you. I especially liked the vivisection pieces, if you ever doubted what 'antis'have said, the articles will change your mind.(20p & A5 SAE to:Patrick/62, Queens Road/Whitstable/Kent/CT5,2JG/).

muffled would be a compliment! Still, most of the songs do triumph over the godawful sound quality,& they have the makings of a decent HC band. Perhaps if a couple of their songs were slightly more complex I'd rate them more. Still, they have anger & awareness.& some okay songs, with a couple of good standouts ('CIA'for example), though they should change their productions dramatically! Write w/SAE for list, & I'll love you even Remind me of The Fartz which is no bad thing! (Depression Recs/ c/o Bill Board/909 Upton Ave/Springfield/MI 49015/USA/).

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BAD DRESS SENSE-"Gothic Monstrosities" demo

That crazy rad dude(?!)Ed Wenn convinced me to get this (maybe it's got something to do with the fact that he plays geetar for them?!!?),& I'm glad I did. 10 tracks, that feature among them a cover of Blondie's (Am I right Ed?)'11.59'.Well, sound is nice & listenable, & most of the songs are. How can I describe B.D.S. to you? Well, the best I can do is to say that they have tunes (yes, they are <u>musical!</u>), tho' they keep it secured with an American 'feel'. This can either mean HC, Crampish type stuff,& a 'beach' sound-all are incorporated in this work(well, I think so anyway, & what I say goes, as I'm the big bossman around here right? Good.) A pretty decent tape, & well worth checking out just for 'Dark Night' & 'We've been waiting'-great stuff!£1 & SAE to:Nick/67,Tintern Rd/ Allington Park/Maidstone/Kent/ME16,ORJ/

If anyone's interested, I have a pretty impressive collection of records & tapes building uv(even if I do say so myself!). more if you can send your lists! I also sell a few records now & again too-write!

Although I get bored reading animal related articles, I thought that this way of approaching a subject full of cliches was, without being modest, quite original & there is definately a lesson to be learnt here somewhere!

I was a vegan for 11 years, though after much debating within my mind I recently decided that enough was enough. I will not tell you "don't be a vegan" or anything like that, you make up your own mind, but if you are considering the

idea, then think deeply before you take the plunge.

One thing that is obviously important, is a good balanced diet. I was lucky in this as although I am a useless cook, I have a mother who can sort that out (please, no "you sexist bastard, why can't men do the cooking, whine, groan"; my ma was prepared to do the cooking,& for the short stint I did my own I only got in the way resulting in her moaning at me & in the end I cooked at 9.00 in the evening just to be out of the way. Y'see, my ma was far more happier cooking for me than me fucking around with pots & pans cooking my tea at 9.00, savvy? Good.). As I was saying, a good balanced diet is important. The whole point of being vegan, apart from the animal side obviously, is actually feeling better for it. I was in a stage while cooking for myself, of "junk food veganism". This is not a very zarjaz thang to do, as you just end up eating chips, sosmix sarnies, & vegeburgers, which, let's face it, it's a pretty clen thing to do oh yay. Try & have a different casserole dish every 2 days or whatever, it may be my mind, but I found I felt a lot better because of it.

What do you eat? Well, this is a question only you can answer you dork, eat your leg for all I care, as long as it's edible & nutritious & tastes nice.

Things to look out for; One problem I had was loose teeth. This was not caused from a fight over who had the last of the Marmite, but from lack of calcium. If you are a vegan, & find this happening to you, then it is essential that you buy some Soya Milk. As this is costly, you may find your money won't allow you extravagances. If so, then run down the health food shop & buy some calcium tablets; they cost about £1.50 for a jar of 100,& contain vitamins A,C & D, so they cover you well. They taste like plaque from your teeth, but it's worth it. If you can afford Soya Milk, then buy

a few pints a week, & that should put paid to wobbly canines & the like.

A good thing to buy is that ol' growing up spread Marmite, as it contains lots of B12, so it saves you having to buy tablets for that. However, I've heard Marmite has a growth of apartheid within it's company, so perhaps you shouldn't buy it; it's your choice as always, but there must be many other yeast extracts on the market that contain lots of BT2, & also no added apartheid-look around . However, if you're a fascist

bastard of a vegan, Marmite's the one for you.

If you're like me,& detest most vegetables then veganism may not be the wisest choice it all depends. If you detest most vegetables, & have no wacky cooking ideas then I'd say veganism is not really your thang. Still, this doesn't mean you can't eat well, & by all means have a stab at being one, but I learned that veganism is all in the "experimental"element of food, y'know, if you're one of those folk who will try wierd & wacky cooking ideas, then veganism's up your alley. If not, then you may get bored quickly with your food. There's no denying that it helps to like as many vegetables as you can, as it can get dull just eating baked beans all the time!

One thing I must confess that bugged me while I was a vegan, no, I tell a lie, two things; Animal'E' lists, & "know it all"vegans. I shall explain; although I considered myself a vegan, I still ate 'E' numbers. I won't bother to justify why, if I saw a produce & it had no animal fat written on the packet I would buy it, regardless of how many 'E' numbers there were. I knew that if I cut out all 'E's, there would be nothing in the shop I could eat, so, I ate 'E's. Now, I don't know why it annoyed me seeing vegans take out their 'E' list from their pockets as I should've been one to understand it, but it looked really silly & almost stuck up. You'd hear a cry from the biscuit part "Urrggghhhh!!!I'm not eating that, it's got E139 in it"or whatever, & I'd cringe. This almost leads on to the 2nd 'bug'; the vegans who either knew it all or the ones who thought they were better than everyone else because they were one. There's something I detest about smugness, possibly because the folk who are smug are the ones who've got everything right on & correct-bastards. They love the whole vegan ethic, they're the ones who don't mind spending days on preparing a meal, they've got the money for any thing in the health food shop, they can tell you off the top of their head what 'E' numbers have carcinogen quantities & the like;

Still, these people were tolerable & generally respected by me, at least they'd bothered to check up & learn about veganism. I was no doubt jealous, because as I've said before, they knew it all, & in some ways they had a right to be content with themselves, even if the majority didn't show it (which should earn extra respect). However, there were some who displayed a vast amount of "Look at me, I'm a vegan" & tried to point out to the veggies that they should change & become unto them. Now, I don't know if these people knew they were aware of coming across like this, & even if they had they were best intentioned, but some were close to the mark of getting on someones nerves. I've come to this idea that the more someone goes on about a subject, & telling you to support it etc, the less someone is likely to be interested in it.Of course, it can work the complete opposite, but if someone tells me what is best, then I am more than likely to tell them where to stick it.Don't get me wrong, I like being informed of things going on, whatever they may be, but I don't necessarily like being told of what'side'I should take, or what I should think, I just like to know the situation/ideals of that subject. If you ask me, there will/can be a dramatic loss of a cause simply because of the way the person who informs you, informs. If vegans keep telling veggies "Now, you must...", then there is a big chance the veggie will be put off turning vegan, simply because of the way the talk has been handled. This applies to any subject. Let the person decide what he/she feels, because the last thing they want is a fucking mind-controller.

To wind this article to an end, I'd just like to say that in no way am I telling anyone what to do.I've raised points, & also things to look out for should you decide to turn vegan, & I've added comments on what I noticed at times around methough this is all. To be quite honest, I couldn't give a toss if you don't want to turn vegan, though I just felt that this article would be good & interesting for a view on the subject, especially from someone who has quit that particular subject in question. I am also not slagging vegans, just putting a few words in about the various views/types of vegans & the attitudesof them. I admire the will of anyone

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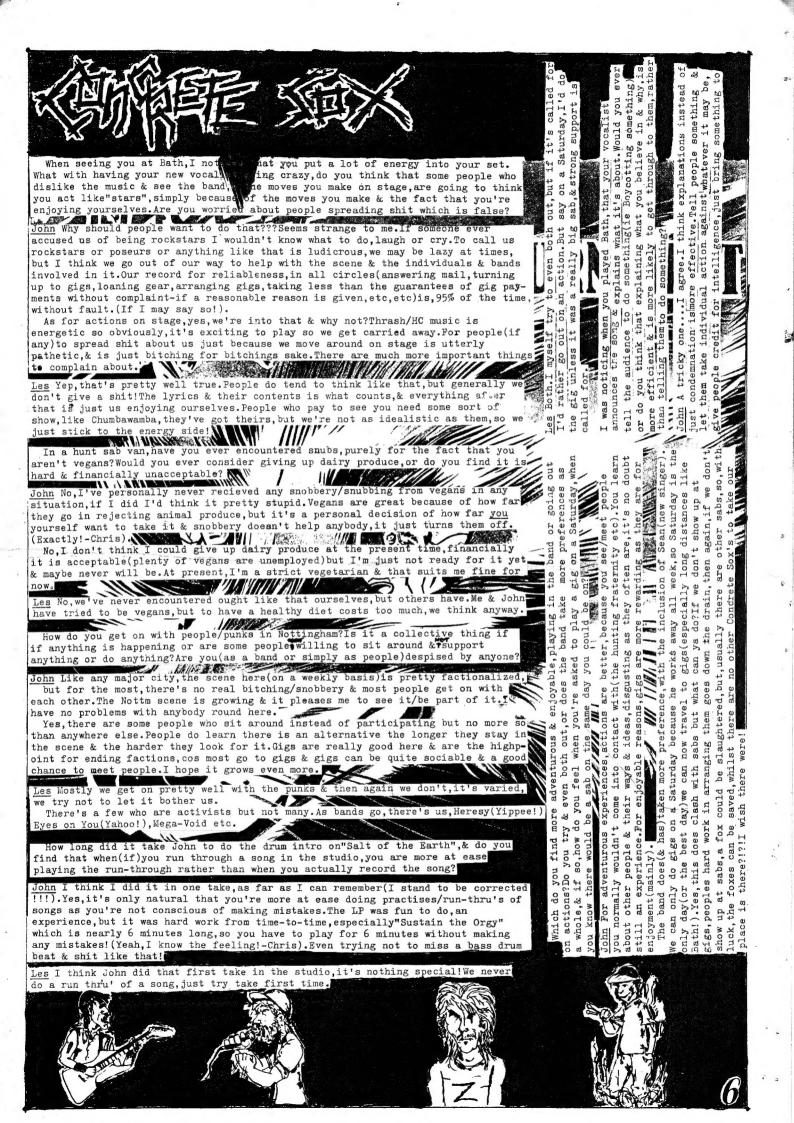
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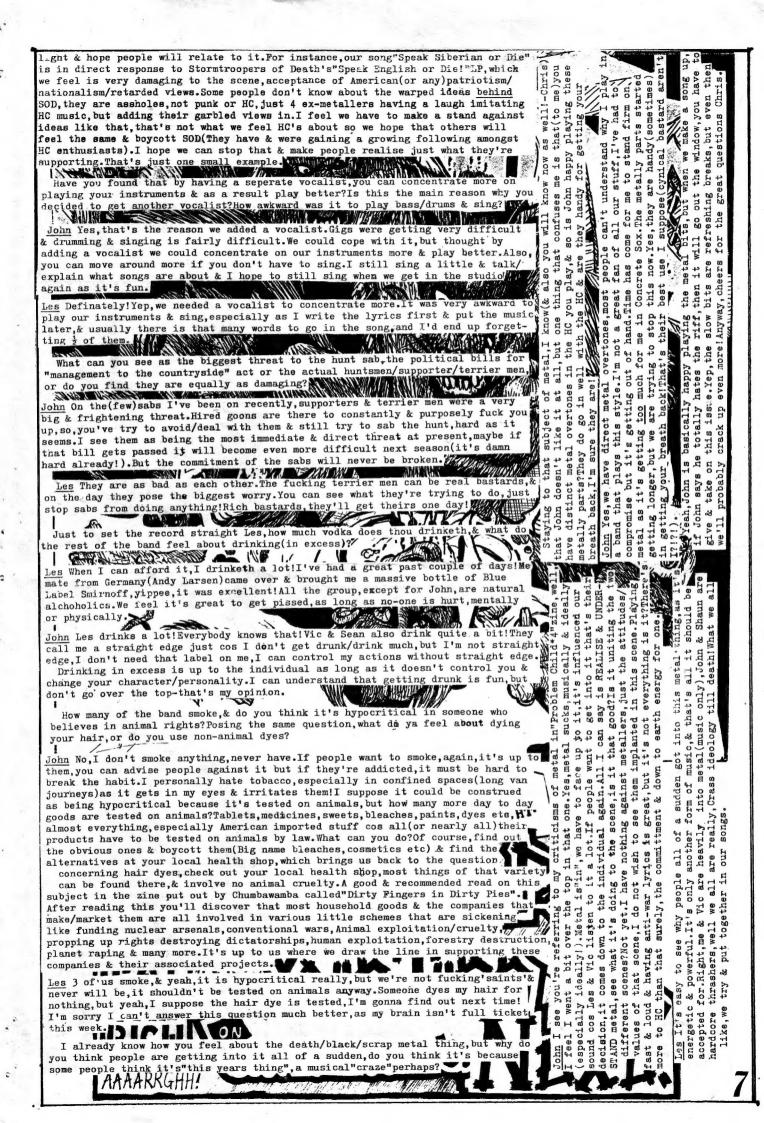
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# Chris Widni...rattling his cage.

Have you ever thought that there could be loads of great punk artists, musicians, zine writers, or many more activists, but in view of the lack of communication, laziness through people towards them, or even fear of ridicule, that persons 'thang' may never get to be known & shared with many people able to appreciate it??? To me, the idea of someone reluctant to display their thoughts/art/music, through fear of ridicule, really does annoy me & also worry me.Just think. I bet there's a few people reading this column right now, just as you are, wondering if it's worthwhile to experiment in something they're interested in, it's just that his/her friends may think it's a stupid idea, so they never actually complete (or even start) what want. Yes, this thought of mine may be a long shot, but think of a time when you was gonna do something that you might've enjoyed, but your friends told you in that apathetic-I know it all type-voice "You needn't bother", & you just took it in. Yes, it's happened to me loads of times, the power of friends words. What happens in the end is a mind totally unaware of your own heart, & substituted with"I wonder what my friends will think"type garbage.IGNORE WHAT YOUR FRIENDS SAY-GO OUT & FUCKING DO IT!!!!

More art/music/actions should be supported/appreciated, this doesn't mean you have to do it, but the more people who are aware of their own minds & their own decision to do such things & to take a step in the right direction, should be thought of. Remember, for some people it's taken a lot of guts to do what they are doing, & like I've just said above; for those people to be aware & listen to their own minds, I think that that alone should be considered great,& in some cases, brave. You may not appreciate poetry, all kinds of art, types of music, there are many things I just cannot appreciate for what they are, but I can & do appreciate the efforts that have gone into them, okay?

If you do(or feel that you might have)a talent/skill bubbling up inside you, then for your(& a lot of other peoples) sakes, USE IT! SHARE IT!

Remember if someone can't share a skill/idea either through selfishness or throu gh fear of ridicule, then it's something precious that is worth nothing ..

### ZINES ARE A LOAD OF SHIT

The above title say some, is completely true of zines today, & of course, that's very much debatable(!), though I myself admit that there are a lot of character & pure honesty being left out of many zines nowadays, or don't you think so? If many people who are reading the AntiSect interview are thinking "What gives them the right to say that, about something they don't even do?", then listen to this: As  $\underline{I}$  do a zine, then surely  $\underline{I}$  have a right to say about what AntiSect said about zines, & I can well understand why they said it. There are many zines that days that look like the creator is only putting a quarter of their actual work output into it, & also lacking originality & character. Also, for a zine writer to say"What gives AntiSect the right to comment on something they don't do", well, that's as maybe, but I always thought the way to move someone was give them(or their'product')criticism? Well, that's true isn't it? Perhaps AntiSect should do their own zine & see if they can come up with one better than the majority of the ones available, but surely just because they don't do a zine, it doesn't

shouldn't stop them from voicing their opinions on them? The reasons why I think there are many dull zines out is when you open it up & read the so-called articles. Is this a fucking jest or what? I've read many new zines that say in it's list of contents that it has articles, but all they are ar cut up BUAV leaflets...some article, huh? If they feel the need for BUAV info is strong, then they should, instead of using space in the zine for it, put in a free leaflet with the zine. This way people can read about the BUAV (or whatever the campaign may be),& also in the spare space, an article by the creator could be added. Are looking along my lines??? Good. No matter what you think of these articles, at least you can't say that I just used a leaflet, I have used my own thought & ideas & I hope that this makes you think, rather than saying "Oh, gawd, I've read this 18 times this week already". Try to take in mind that I'm not saying that I'm the only person in the zine world who can write a good article,& that mine is the only zine worth reading; it isn't, there are many good zines around, & even though I may seem to slag off heavily zines that have naff articles etc, like I say in the article above, at least they are showing their creativity, & although I may not like the zine, I respect what they're doing, though I wish there was more force & origin-

ality in them. I mean, it's not as if articles must stop at meat, war etc, you just you just need to use your head & stretch your mind a bit-can you do that? Basically, people who do zines should concentrate on honesty, character

originality & good interview questions. Obviously, some people are more intelligent than others, but this doesn't matter. Whatever IQ a writer has, they can only do their best, anything less shouldn't go to print, & whatever zine you're reading should be recognisable in places where they have or have not put dedication into it, try it & them write to the editor of that mag with your comments. Warning; some may find this insulting, if so, then don't buy that zine again, as it must mean that the writer cannot take criticism. However, if you do write, give constructive criticism as to why you've made your comments, you're more likely to get a nicer reply!

I welcome comments on this & zines at my address(2nd page of this here rag), as I always welcome something to read, whether in the form of letter or zine. Sometime (a lot of times?) you can take in valuable comment from both zines & letters, though a lot of zines are losing shape, & I cannot take in valuable comment/good art/ hilarious cartoons etc, simply for the fact that these types of magazines are diminishing rapidly.....! Thankfully, there are still some gems left, though not nearly enough, so come on all you so-called "artists", get your finger out your & write/draw something...... & for everyone's sake, write it well!

STRAIGHT EDGE-MY GENERAL COMMENTS & GENERAL CONFUSIONS

If you notice, in some zines today, the term 'straight edge' crops up quite often. If you are somewhat puzzled by this term, then I shall roughly explain what it means.. The idea of straight edge is the ability to stay in control of your actions/head without succumbing to the useage of drugs, be they tobacco, drink, or any form of soft or hard drug; basically, the idea is to stay together in your mind, & resisting the perils of escapism & (in ways)an addiction.



ChrisWidni...rattling his cage.

Although the idea of straight edge is a good one, I'm surprised that it has been realised quite often without a snidey remark. Obviously, it can & will be treated as a joke, & even a threat, by some people, which, when you take that into account, shows that the whole idea of straight edge must be a strong one, willing of thought by both sides (IE. Those for the idea or who would like to know more, & those against the idea or/& would prefer to shut it out of their minds & hide ... ). Having said that, I always thought that the idea of straight edge was to keep your own body & mind fit, so why do some people see straight edge as a threat to their drinking freedom etc? Put it this way, because I don't drink hardly at all, & generally see drunkeness as a complete waste of time & at times a personal annoyance & peoples attitudes & behaviour through drink insulting & boring, however much I get fucked off with it, there's not a great deal I can do about it is there? You put all the straight edgers up against people who indulge in drink, drugs etc & what kind of ratio do you have? A pretty substantial slant towards the indulgers I'll bet. But who actually treats straight edge as a threat? Well, maybe I'm wrong, but there are folk who claim to hate the idea of straight edge, & why? Is it that much of an annoyance to you? I mean, does the sight of a person abstaining from a cigarette, joint, or drink make you annoyed? If so, why? It must be fear of some sort-fear of a threat? A threat of what??? Personally, I can't see what it matters or what it changes if a friend decides to go straight edge, so why the hate for the idea of straight edge? If it's not a threat you feel, then TELL ME WHAT IT FUCKING IS, because I sure as hell don't know.

But what really is straight edge anyway? A lot of people will see my definition of

it at the top of the page & say that it's nothing of the sort, though this is what I always thought it stood for . Indeed , I've been thinking a lot about it, & I have this question to pose: Can you be straight edge yet indulge in drink etc without it affecting your behaviour, & avoiding getting out of it & keeping things in moderation? For instance, although I don't drink often, when I do, I don't drink a lot. & most definately don't get drunk. I stay control of my thoughts & actions, thus I'm keeping just as much control as a total abstainer. Can this be tied in with the idea of straight edge? If not, why not, as I don't need drink, & don't particularly like the taste of the vast assortments of alchohol on offer, it's just that once in a while I fancy a beer (or a spirit), though I don't let it get out of control for a number of reasons, basically being that more than 2 pints of beer inside me make me feel bloated yet empty in my stomach,& the main reason being that I simply don't like getting out of it. There's no end product of achievement, neither of happiness (at least not for me),& it just comes across as a complete waste of money & time(money being what I'd prefer to spend in other ways; at least you have something to show for it, be it general enjoyment, creativity or whatever). The only drug I take is tobacco, though you can hardly get off on that, so although I indulge occasionally in alchohol, & have an addiction with tobacco, my mind stays steady & together all the time, so in an aspect, that is straight edge is it not??? Yes, although I do take a drug, my mind & attitude doesn't change as a result, & surely that is an important factor in the ideas of straight edge, which brings me around again to the posed question "what is straight edge?" Should I be told that I can't possibly have anything to do with the straight edge philosophy & that what I've said in the last paragraph is an insult to straight edgers, then that wouldn't worry me at all, though only if they'd like to answer this question: Has straight edge got to be a set of rules that everyone follows, & why can't people determine their own ideas of the subject? For instance, why should I be persecuted for drinking very little, not that often, though always keeping a straight head, I'm just as straight as you are in that aspect. Is it because I'm not 100% committed to the belief? Is it because although I'm just as mentally aware, I'm never the less taking part in the crime of drinking alchohol? Perhaps the reason a number of people hate straight edge is not because of a threat, but because the straight edgers they know have a 'holier than thou' Shane, Woody, Andy, Dave attitude towards them? If this is correct, then I can understand fully why the 'nons' have a lot of disrespect towards them, though I can realise why straight edgers may be have a 'holier..'attitude.For one,it's a great achievement to cut ou any one drug, but all kind of drug must be worthy of pride in some way. It's the same with a vegan, to totally go vegan requires a lot of resisting & requires a huge step forward. Though it's the rule I make as with a vegan, once you get a bit too much into the swing of things you can end up badmouthing too much (whether you are aware of it or not), & this can & will lose you a lot of respect, & no doubt fuck up people's thoughts on straight edge, & even reverse them right round, so that although you once had a friend who although not wanting to be straight edge fully understood & respected why you did, you now have a person who hates straight edge & is possibly no longer a friend(or would rather steer clear of your company simply because of your continuous badmouthing). I've seen vegans like this, so why shouldn' જ it happen to straight edge as well? Having said all that above, I fully understand Lee & Boff, Kardboard B & in some ways, sympathise with straight edgers for being mouthy & stuff.I don't particularly like drink, & when I see millions of piss artists in say, the centre of Bath on a Friday night, it totally winds me up. Just the sight of (what seems to be)a city full of people out of their skulls, incapable of even aiming their vomit, making threatening/sarcastic remarks about anyone who isn't like them(thank fuck I'm/we're not), & being a general arsehole, makes me mad. So, with that in mind, is it any wonder straight edgers get pissy & mouthy?!?You think about how much of a burden you are, when you shout out remarks to the blads across the road, & not AntiSect, John & b & everyone up only do you get a good whacking, but your mate whose stone sober, & offered to walk home with you also gets a beating, & for what? For taking a goon like you to sanctuary so you can sober up/throw up & sleep it off; you know, otherwise known as going out of his way to help his mate-huh, some mate he's got....

Anyway, that's about it for my comments on straight edge. I must admit I'm really interested in knowing what you think about the subject,& for that matter, any comments I've made in this zine (or what the bands have made) as I'm always grateful for feedback, because at least it shows people read this heap o' shit!Don't be put off writing to me just because I lose my rag a bit in these pages; I'm a good as guy as anyone, it's just that sometimes I can't control myself when I'm typing that's all!Until next time, seeya!

lost the flyer he gave me with prices & stuff available, stupid Widni, so I can only puns than Lee Depraved this here rag. Sure thing Rams, you old scrote, why not? Every other zine has...! I've tapes & shit a mention in people & wimpy schoolkids,& cracking worse puns than Lee Deprave son'All Occasion'joke book,a certain Mr Ramsey Kanaan has asked his address which is(you should all know it by now): Ramsey/3, Balmoral Killers"pin up in about film/video), Rat, Alan in bands suddenly Course (BTB' as the "Lady to Christianity, would all their fans follow and their fans follows are fans follows. Political Asylum's that"department; Tam of Sacrilege some explaining to do I would th to let only he doesn't like glam rock band give you his address which is Stirling/Scotland/FKB, ZRD/UK/ 40 Frank Carson'All threat with a Frank Carson'A. me if I can give his prilq really biggest symbol to fan Britain's greatest Barry Nor he

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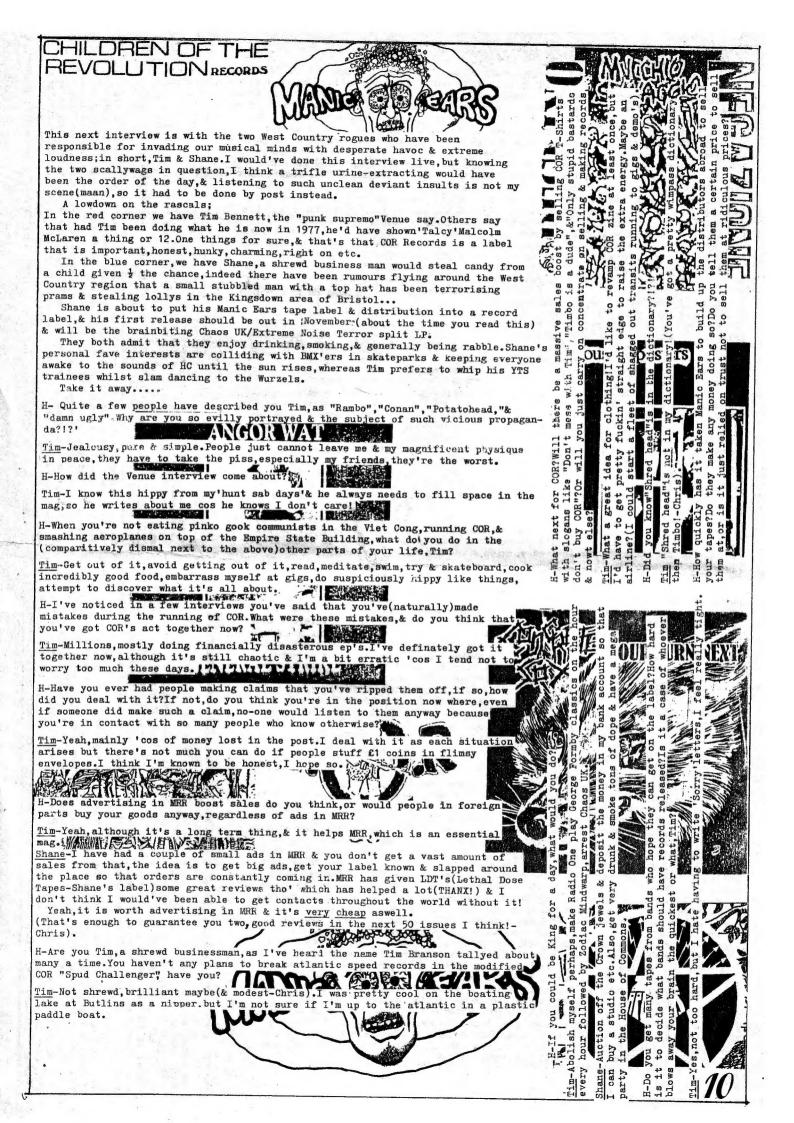
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Shane-It has taken up to a year-to build up overseas distribution of LETHAL DOSE TAPES, there are only 5 distributors at the moment, this is 'cos I want reliable distributors who try to get the tapes out to as many people as possible.MASKING TAPES in the USA sell the tapes to stores eg.ROUGH TRADE, SYSTEMATIC, I believe, & mail order in Germany, quite professionally duplicated with inserts/labels etc. Roger Armstrong in Japan does an excellent job too by keeping the price to 400 Yen, as there are many bootleggers there selling Political Asylum, Chaes UK tapes at really high & extortionate prices (around 1500 Yen) on shite quality tapes!

As for making money, well, I do charge these labels/distributors 50p per tape royalty on sales & so obviously these labels have to compensate for that plus get their little bit for doing it, still, prices overseas are pretty reasonable I think. In fact, I have recieved very little in royalties from overseas sales, mainly cos the tapes take a long time to sell, the maximum sales in a country would be around 300 copies per release. It does cost a fair bit to send out masters so I really appreciate the royalties to continue future releases, but this is not a vast profit making idea!

Also, not enough bands respond to sending their tape for release on LDT, I don't know why cos it's doing them a service & getting them known. I mean, for example, Ripcord released a tape through LDT, now they are doing their own flexi ep & no doubt will be clinching a record deal very soon.

H-You get enough people writing to you with the tape label, but do you think you'll cope when Manic Ears goes into the vinyl world, especially when the first release has Chaos UK on it, as there's bound to be a good response for that?

Shane-Yeah right, I can see things are gonna be very hectic with me soon, but fuck it! I can cope, it all depends how dedicated you are to it. I work on MANIC EARS 6 days a week (10-6pm approx) & I am expecting to put a lot more hours into it with the record label as well. I already have a 14 day delivery time which I want to get down to 7 days for better efficiency.

Chaos UK are a good start for the label with Extreme Noise.Now, E.N. are going to to be very popular, I plan to release a full length LP by them next year besides a new \*\*\*\* Chaos UK/Outo split LP. Also coming is an LP by Civilised Society, who, I reckon are an excellent melodic punk band(Have to agree-Chris). Some other UK bands I'd like to release stuff by include AYS, Napalm Death, Ad Nauseam, & possibly Ripcord, but who knows what will happen at this stage? I'm also very keen on licensing US & Japanese HC to release here cos the best hands exist there.

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H-How do you sell things so easily, as you must be the best salesman I've ever seen.

What do you think it is? Is it because people feel sorry for you, because of your sales talk, or because you continually chew at peoples kneecaps until they buy something?!?!

Shake-Cheeky git! I don't chew at peoples kneecaps, I just wander around with a machete & say "Buy or Die"!No, seriously, there are some gigs where everyone can be persuaded into buying something, it's tact really(ask Ramsay about this as he's pretty good at it as well!). I have had some awful sales at gigs tho', eg. at the Mermaid in Birmingham I had my bag of records & tapes stolen which put me out of pocket about £100. I wish the person who did this realises that I'm not rich(yet, ha!ha!) & am not a businessman, so rip off a record store not moilded a had gig for seiling records. I went to recently was in Nottingham when Scream played, I was most upset about not selling anything I can assure you!

H-Do you think with the record side of M.E., that you could get the name as widely known as COR is now?

Shane-Well, that is certainly something I have to achieve with the label, if not, more well known. Watch out CORR!!!

H-When you start the label, do you think having Revolver & Tim around is going to prevent any mistakes with the label?

Shane-Revolver are manufacturers & distributors, so, in effect, they will be invaluable source of help in running the label. As for Tim, he has given me tons of advice & help, thank mate, & having shared office with him before, I've had the opportunity of seeing how he has done things so I have/can work things out hopefully without too many mistakes.

H-Finally, is there ever a day/hour/minute when you don't listen to Hardcore?!?!

Shane-You're kidding! I very rarely listen to 60's psych garage punk, but most of the time HC cos it's all I want to listen to, & there's tons of it out all the time & I want it all! I can't stand much other types of music cos it's all so wimpy & pathetic. Punk has the aggressiveness, rawness & speed that I like, I'm an addict & fanatic.

I don't listen to HC when I'm in the pub(cos you can't get DRI on the jukebox eh?) & when I'm asleep. I'll tell 'ee, wake up one morning with a hangover, slap the thrash on the deck & it soon disappears! Quite refreshing I think, eh? Anyway, my current faves are: Rich Kids on LSD, Descendants, Attitude Adjustment, Poison Idea, Neon Christ, Gauze, The Swankys, Gastunk; Quite a lot of US & Japanese stuff really.

Right, a few thank to; Chris(for the interview) (Flattery still won't get you a £20 order Shane me boy!-Chris), Tim CORR, Digger, Mick Slaughter, Ramsey, Barry(Ad Nauseam), Chris(BCT), Joe Raimond (Masking Tapes), & finally Kent Jolly (MRR).

No thank at all to Steve(Endangered Music)-too bloody right, this man is very dodgy, be warned!

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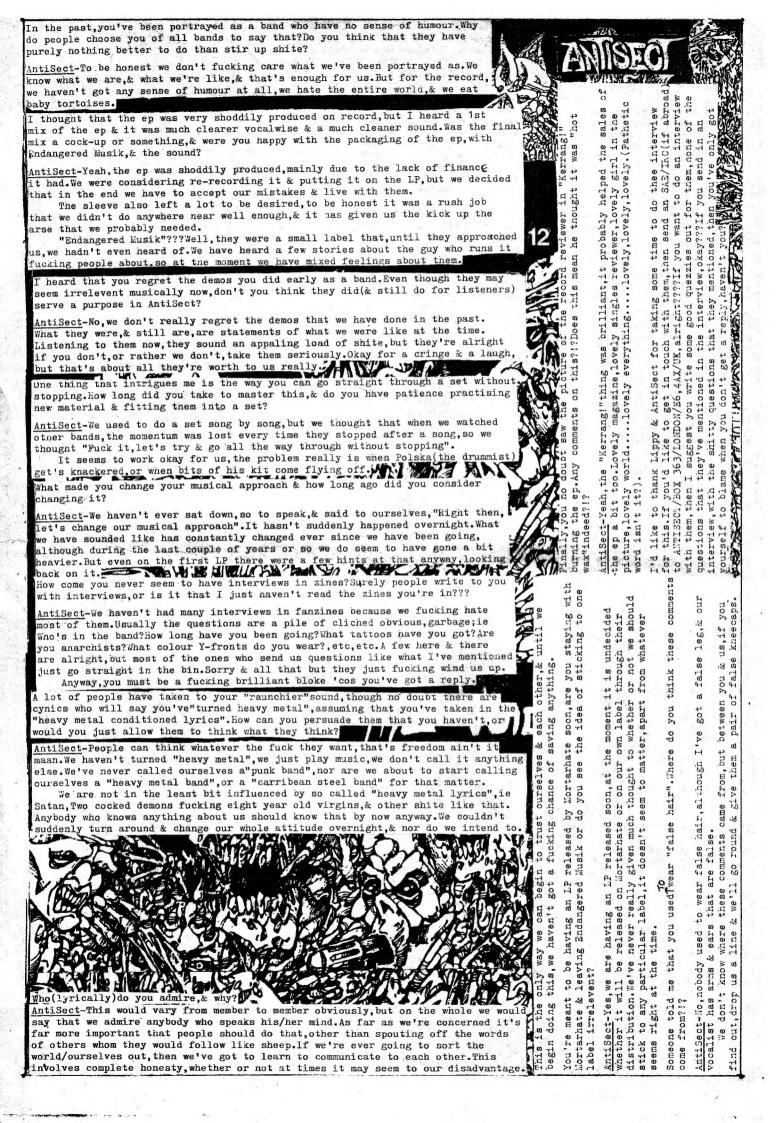


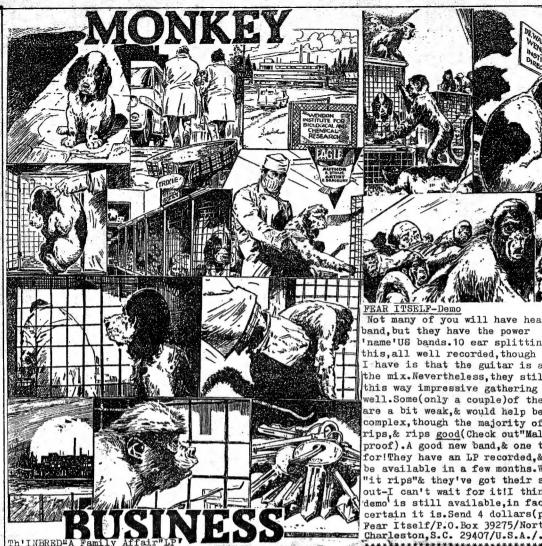
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those MP's where the lyrics' fit like a glove to the songs'music, & it's this duo that make "Can I Say?". shift 90% towards the title of the LP.I'm left not finding a fault with this LP, but I have one fault with the actual band; how can you justify splitting up after releasing such impressive material & putting such feeling into your lyric's?I'm choked totally. This LP is available in the UK through The Cartelit's important you hear it. "End the War Zone"comp ep Shane sent me this for my birthday(thanks Shane!)& it's pretty darn slick too! Larm rip through their 4 cuts pretty easily, Pillsbury HC are totally let down on their tracks cos of the bad live sound, Attitude Adjustment haven't a great sound but their 2 cuts are hot as hell,& make me very impressed, & Straight Ahead! totally leave me senseless w/ their 9 tracks, reminding me of MDC.A good comp & well worth buying! Send 2 IRC's to check out the price to: One Step Ahead Records/ 5363 Yolanda Ave/

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you will have heard of this many of band, but they have the power of any of your name'US bands.10 ear splitting tracks on this, all well recorded, though the only niggle I have is that the guitar is a bit low in the mix. Nevertheless, they still storm thru this way impressive gathering of mayhem well.Some(only a couple)of the song structures are a bit weak, & would help being more complex, though the majority of this tape rips,& rips good(Check out"Malevolence"for proof). A good new band, & one to watch out for! They have an LP recorded, & it should available in a few months. Wally claims it rips"& they've got their sound sorted out-I can't wait for it!I think this demo'is still available, in fact I'm certain it is. Send 4 dollars (post paid) to: Fear Itself/P.O.Box 39275/North.Cont.Sta./

Well, those of you who have a copy of Headrot\*1 will remember this band as I ranted raved about their excellent debut ep "Reproduction" (still available folks!). Well, after much running about, I've clawed a copy of the LP, & it will never leave this house ever! I'm even thinking of nailing it to the turntable because it is too precious to lose or lend out(I wonder how many people will say"Yeah, but you'll only be able to play one side of it then"...). The first side starts off with "Exercise which shows that the band can certainly play their instruments & has excellent timing to it. This leads straight into "Fool's Paradise", one of my fave raves. However, the song which is just totally awesome is "The Positive Song", with a great intro. "Hi, my name is Ed Wenn, do you like to skate? Do you have a ramp?etc, etc" (Sorry Ed ol' buddy, but I just could not resist it!!!). The song itself is just heaven, with a DK's (heavy) influence that has a touch of Ramones (dare I say it Art?!?) in the chorus. The flip stays the same, powerful all the way; there's no stopping them! "Jesus Youth" has Art demented, comparing religion to a fix(which in many terms it is),"Hey man, do another hit of this JESUS, man, & everything will be okayyyyy ... ". And on the other hand ... there's "Satan Youth", which condemns, well, it should be obvious..... "Exercise 3" (what happened to 2?!?) leads us into another Inbred instrumental piece that then brings us "History Lesson", about those lands that are taken over by the corporations & so called "civilised man", those lands that don't particularly want or need our way of life, or be what we are. This LP is a classic in short, & if you're still unfamiliar with Th'Inbred, then nows your chance to become accquainted! (Write w/ 2 IRC's for price to:Toxic Shock/Box 242-M/ Pomona CA/91769/USA/).

States double C90 comp tape War between the This compilation is well recorded, well packaged, & definately well hot! Both tapes (North & South) feature, what seems to be a healthy crop of the HC plant. Taking the North tape first, Sacred Denial totally rip their way through their two songs, & the chant "Sacred ... Denial!!! "still chews at my head 10 minute after listening to that particular band. Insanity Defense's "Pilgrim State" is real wierd at the start with the singer sounding like he's possessed, screaming out"Jeeesus, where are youuuuuu!!!"& the song suddenly breaks into well played HC, until it slides swiftly & professionally into the original grinding There other track is good, but "Pilgrim State" is such a stormer, they could do 20 songs & they wouldn't live up to the aforementioned chiller! Skulldiggers possess you with their Septic Death/gore sound & their 2 songs give you a chance of a breather from the HC. NRK's 3 numbers are also a welcome, & are very storming indeed, well-rehearsed songs, a lot of care put into them. Psycho are exactly that. Manic perverted noise, straining at the leash, & biting at the collar, Watch out! South tape now, & both POSW & Landlords deprive you of breath & force you to choke, & do it well. A few of the next couple of bands let you down a bit, though Anti-Seen & Active Ingredients come to the rescue. Flip over. & you get in the way of Born Without a Face, & they soon knock into you with their 3 rabid gems. Bleeding Nuns kick you into next week with a short, but sour stormer, & hand you over Subculture who spit in your face, & start blasting axe, & do they blast! You want to get out, but only after you've listened to Assault, & it is they who finally dispose of you.

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use-Thanks Woody for the answers!

sings for us & this is our permanent after, we got Eric as vocalist & then we were a 3-piece for 2 years. Now Simon Bob Raleigh from another city. We also had a vocalist named Benji at the time, shortly When, how, & with who did C.O.C start? '82, Reed & myself got together & jammed & decided to ask Mike to move to line up.

What do you think of the Live Aid/We are the World thing?

It failed, the Ethiopian government yourselves as metal or hardcore? "Animosity" was obviously more met used the dollars to buy military goods. than "Eye for an Eye"; do you think of

rock at heart as they come. "Animosity" was produced more as a metal album. As far as C.O.C goes, we're as punk totally disagree, I think "Eye ... " was more metal influenced, production wise

stupid. Most definately the Klan We see things about the KKK in Britain, is there a Klan in your area? is for real; believe it or not some people are actually that

Which British bands do you really rate?

Purple. I haven't heard a lot of the punk bands (newer), I like the older British punk. I do like Conflict, I hate the new Discharge. used to really be into Rudimentary Peni Motorhead, Black Sabbath (my fave), Deep

privilege by law. We play matinees a lot a What do you think of the American scene? Most shows we do are All Ages, but some clubs in some rules or 2 shows for "minors" & adults. Is there any way to overcome this? lot as we states are not allowed the

scene, a lot of people know each other & it's fun not much violence here either, do this, as it stops fuckhead record shop owners ripping you off? Varies widely because places are so distant from one another. Our city has a great British bands put price controls on their records; why do so few American bands

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What are your aims in life?

If they're motivated then way you think of anarchy? Wow, heavy question. I don't who get really i t delye into it too much to tell the truth. nvolved in anarchistic ideology? What do truth, that's too much planning for me.

Reagan is way fucked up, but it's not just him; so many people here agree with him, It made me embarrassed to live in a country that would do something like that. What are your views on the whole America/Lybia flasco?

consumed flesh for over 7 years, & Bob has gone like 3 years-wish I could stick Mike, our bassist is, & so is Bob our vocalist-Reed & myself are not. Mike hasn't with something like that. Are any of you vegetarians?

Probably working where I do, & doing about the same I do in my spare time away from If you had never got C.O.C started, what do you think you'd be doing now?

Thanks a ton anything you would like to add?



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KEFF YOUR EYES ON THESE ADS FOR MORE NEWS: FOR EXPORT TO USA, WILL BE OUT ON PUSMORT WITH PUSHEAD COVER ART: POSITIVE HC/THRASH BUT NOT STRICTLY AS VAR-SLOWING INSANITY DESCRIPTION, NOT AVAILABLE CHE 2 IS A TRULY GREAT LP, WERY MELODIC & I (LEFT) CONTAINS THRASH OF THE MIND

ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE AVAILABLE. LOTSA COOL THRASH/PUNK TAPES FROM CHECK OUT PREVIOUS ADS FOR TAPES,